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SEECE SHRIeking THE EUROPEAN WAR

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ISOLATED COMBATS IN BELGIUM AND FRANCE

Paris Official Communication Says at No Place Along the Whole Front Has There Been any Notable Incident—Vienna Declares That the Fighting in North Poland Continues, But That Quiet Reigns in All Other Zones—Unofficial Advices Assert That Russians Have Been Victorious in Poland—France Soon to Call Up for Examination 300,000 of Her Youths Who are Liable for Service in 1916—Austrian General Von Stutterheim is Reported to Have Been Killed in Battle.

At no time since the war began has the veil of secrecy been so closely drawn over the operations of the armies in all the theatres of the war. Although it is known that fighting of a vicious character still is being carried on in the eastern zone, and that there have been isolated combats here and there along the entrenched lines in Belgium and France, nothing is at hand to show how the fortunes of war are being distributed.

"At no place along the entire front has there been any notable incidents," says the Paris official communication in referring to the situation in the west. Of the front events in the east, Vienna declares that the fighting in North Poland continues, but that in all the other zones quiet prevails.

Unofficial advices say that the Russians have been victorious in Poland and that the Germans have lost large numbers of men. One report has it that in the fighting between the Viennese and the Wartha Germans lost two thirds of their army. France is soon to call for examination 300,000 of her youths who are liable to service in 1916. Their military training will be completed in March and they will be ready for service in July.

In the Italian parliament the statement of a deputy in a speech, that he hoped soon to see the Italian tri-color

Cabled Paragraphs

Italy Buys 400,000 Wheat. Rome, Dec. 4.—The government has bought 400,000 metric tons of wheat from Argentina. Five steamers have been chartered to transport the shipment.

200 Members of French Parliament Are Serving in the Army. Bordeaux, via Paris, Dec. 4, 5 p. m.—Two hundred members of the French parliament are serving in the army. The cabinet is considering how it can best arrange for these members to leave their posts temporarily so that they may take part in the forthcoming extraordinary session of parliament.

COTTON SHIPMENTS TO GERMANY AND AUSTRIA Are Expected to Total 100,000 Bales a Month When Insurance Rates Are Adjusted.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Cotton shipments from America to Germany and Austria are expected by the state and commerce department officials to total 75,000 to 100,000 bales a month, as soon as the insurance rates there can be adjusted more satisfactorily to the shippers.

In this connection the committee appointed by the secretaries of state, treasury and commerce to consider the foreign cotton market situation today issued the following statement: "It is stipulated that the release from the consular circular that there is a tremendous demand for cotton in Germany and Austria, and the prices are high, ranging from 14 to 15 cents a pound. The principal difficulty at present seems to be the high rate of marine insurance. Otherwise the movement of cotton from the United States to Europe would be facilitated. Efforts are to be made as soon as congress meets to amend and broaden this law, so that the government can provide government insurance on shipments to the belligerent countries, even when these shipments include articles which are contraband of war. It has been declared non-contraband."

PITTSBURGH COUNCILMEN CUT THEIR OWN SALARIES \$1,000

Ask All Other City Officials to Accept a Proportionate Cut

Pittsburgh, Dec. 4.—An action which probably is without precedent in the history of the city of Pittsburgh, the councilmen of that city, by a vote of 10 to 2, have agreed to cut their own salaries \$1,000 a year, and passed a resolution which demands that every city official from the mayor down through his cabinet volunteer to accept a proportionate cut. Other motions which were considered and which were voted down after a conference with the mayor and his cabinet, will effect reductions of from 10 to 25 per cent on every salary above \$15,000. Councilmen's salaries have been heretofore \$35,000.

PICKPOCKETS ARE FEELING STRESS OF THE TIMES

Many Turning Honest in New York Because of "Poor Picking"

New York, Dec. 4.—More than 100 pickpockets, unable to make a living by following their vocation, have turned temporarily honest within the past few days, according to records made public today by the department of correction. "Old time pickpockets tell us," said Deputy Commissioner of Correction, "that if they can't pick a pocket in a day they can only make \$15 or so a week. They used to be able to retire for a month after picking a pocket. Now they haven't been carrying money in their clothes recently."

Some of the pickpockets have turned honest because they have no money in part for the so-called crime wave. If the situation continues all the pickpockets in the city probably will go out of business.

GREAT NAVAL DRYDOCK AT HAWAIIAN NAVAL STATION

Contract Signed With San Francisco Bridge Co. for Its Completion

Washington, Dec. 4.—Secretary Daniels announced today that a supplemental contract had been signed with the San Francisco Bridge company for completion of the great naval drydock at the Pearl harbor naval station, Hawaii.

Work on this dock was suspended nearly two years ago, when the bottom harbor dock was made July 22, 1909, and the work proceeded until February 17, 1912, when the upheaval of the bottom occurred. The site is on a coral reef sufficiently porous to permit great hydrostatic pressure under the bottom.

The new contract calls for completion of the dock by July 1, 1915, for \$1,251,350, which is \$238,650 less than the amount made available by congress.

BRITISH COLLIER KINGSWAY DETAINED AT SAN DIEGO

Because of Alleged Irregularities in Its Papers

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 4.—The British collier Kingsway, from Esquimaut, B. C., was detained here today by customs officials.

The Kingsway put in yesterday. The vessel is under detention because of alleged irregularities in its papers and because of belief by port officials that the Kingsway is taking fuel to a British and Japanese fleet near by, and that she put in to receive orders from the British consul.

C. D. Sprigg, deputy customs collector, said the Kingsway would remain in this port until released by orders from Washington.

Captain Tompkins of the Kingsway reported to Sprigg that his bunkers were full and that he had put in here in distress.

Colorado Miners Convene Monday. Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—Officials of the United Mine Workers of America, preparing today for the convention of Colorado miners here Monday, refused to confirm or deny reports that the international executive board will recommend that the strike be called off because of the financial condition of the order. Frank J. Hayes, international vice president, in charge of the strike, was expected to reach Denver tonight from Indianapolis.

Belgians' Plight Has No Parallel

SAYS CHAIRMAN HOOVER OF RELIEF COMMISSION

7,000,000 ARE HELPLESS

Surrounded by a Ring of Steel and Utterly Unable by Any Effort of Their Own to Save Themselves—Germans Not Hurrying Aid Work.

London, Dec. 5, 8:45 p. m.—Herbert Clark Hoover, chairman of the American commission for relief in Belgium, returned to London today after a week's trip of inspection in Belgium. Mr. Hoover reported that the distribution of foodstuffs sent in care of the

Gardner Replies to Sec'y Daniels

STATEMENT REGARDING THE EQUIPMENT OF NAVY.

THE LONG RANGE GUNS

Of British and German Dreadnought, He Says, Would Permit Them a Mile Outside the Range of Guns of New York Fortifications.

St. Louis, Dec. 4.—August P. Gardner, congressman from Massachusetts, in an address before the Contemporary Club here tonight, replied to the statement of Secretary Daniels regarding recent aspersions of Mr. Gardner as to the inadequacy of

Advertisements Help the Buyer

Seventeen shopping days to Christmas. That means the period in which the biggest trade of the year must be handled. With a large and well assorted stock of goods ready to supply the wants of a public which is eager for suggestions and assistance, it is time to cultivate a closer acquaintance with those who are going to move it.

Even the early buyers appreciate the fact that they can plan the trading trip from the advertising columns of the newspaper in their homes. Goods which can be displayed in such a manner are due for a rapid sale and the householder is alive to the fact that it is the advertisements which give the valuable and reliable tip.

Business is business. The more that can be done the greater the satisfaction. The more people who visit the store the greater the probability of trade increase. The Bulletin covers Eastern Connecticut thoroughly. Fully 45,000 people read it every morning. Get your wares before them by using its advertising columns and get their trade. The Bulletin will bring you together for mutual benefit. Try it!

During the past week the following reading matter has appeared in The Bulletin's columns:

Bulletin	Nov. 28..	99	194	836	1129
Monday, Nov. 30..	88	167	279	534	
Tuesday, Dec. 1..	96	142	250	488	
Wednesday, Dec. 2..	105	130	211	446	
Thursday, Dec. 3..	99	113	212	424	
Friday, Dec. 4..	104	121	187	412	
Totals	591	867	1975	3433	

American commission is well under way, but stated that the condition of famine which threatened the population of Belgium is still desperate and that the Belgians must still appeal to the people of the United States for relief.

"Unable to Help Themselves." "It is difficult to state the position of the civil population of Belgium without appearing hysterical," said Mr. Hoover in his statement. "I do not know that history presents any parallel of a population of seven million people surrounded by a ring of steel and utterly unable by any conceivable effort of their own to save themselves."

"From the nature of things, it is impossible for the commission even to pass an opinion on the rights and wrongs which have created this situation. The Germans state flatly that the people of Belgium are normally peaceful and that they have no intention of interfering with the normal course of trade, obtain subsistence. The Belgians, on the other hand, contend that a free port for the importation of foodstuffs into Belgium would probably amount to an entrapment for food people ground between two gigantic millstones."

No Obstruction From Military.

"We are meeting with no obstruction from the military authorities of Belgium in the prosecution of our work. Not one loaf of bread or one spoonful of salt that we have introduced has been taken by the military. The most stringent orders have been given by the military that we shall have no interference and our members meet with respect and assistance in all quarters."

"The considerable quantities of vegetables available in certain districts. In some localities there is still a supply of cereals for two or three weeks. But in certain other localities there has been no breadstuffs for over a fortnight. Every soul will be dependent upon us for bread within thirty days."

"So far our efforts have necessarily been devoted to provisioning the large centers. It requires organization and patience to be able to penetrate the outlying towns and villages. It will be difficult for the people of the United States to comprehend the difficulties which we meet with in purely executive matters in the elaboration of this work."

11,572 Majority for Prohibition in Colorado.

Denver, Col., Dec. 4.—Statewide prohibition carried in Colorado by a majority of 11,572, according to the official canvass compiled today. The vote for the measure was 129,559 against 118,017.

Cotton Loan Conference Dec. 14.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The cotton loan committee tonight announced that the conference here with the chairman of the state committees would be held Dec. 14 instead of Dec. 15.

Vienna Is Jubilant.

Venice, via London, Dec. 4, 8:45 p. m.—There was great jubilation in Vienna when news of the occupation of the city by the Austrians was received. The city was decorated with flags.

Condensed Telegrams

The Earl of Erne, grand master of the Orangemen in Ireland died in London.

The American navy will adopt a torpedo having a net-cutter attachment.

King Haakon, of Norway, will inspect the fortifications along the Norwegian coast.

Many London hotels have signs reading, "No Alien Enemies are Employed or Served."

The plant of the Chesapeake Shell Co. at Chilton, Md., was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$100,000.

Sir John Henry Crichton one of the foremost Protestant Tory leaders in Ireland, died in Dublin.

The Kansas State report gives the corn crop as 87,000,000 bushels, the smallest in several years.

The French Parliament has been called to meet in extraordinary session at Paris, December 22.

The H. C. Frick Coke Co., of Pittsburgh has laid off salaried employees for two weeks without pay.

Julius Scharnau, a wealthy brewer of Brooklyn, committed suicide by shooting himself at his home.

Thirty prisoners were taken from the State prison at Trenton, N. J., to the convict farm at Leesburg, N. J.

The Hartley Silk Manufacturing Co., which operates six mills in New York State, has gone into bankruptcy.

Nine armed Mexicans, part of a filibustering expedition, were captured by cavalrymen near Hidalgo, Texas.

Dr. Stephen C. Pettit of Brooklyn died at his home of blood poisoning contracted while operating on a patient.

A Moslem cemetery will be established at Working, England for burial of Indian soldiers killed on the Continent.

The Irish newspaper Sinn Fein, in Dublin, was suppressed by the government because of its pro-Germany policy.

Dr. A. E. Ortman, scientist at Carnegie Museum in Pittsburgh, predicted that in 1,000 years Niagara Falls will be dry.

Six United States army officers sailed from New York for Europe to Europe to watch the German army in action.

The French aviator Marc Pourpre, hero of the Khartoum flight, was killed while reconnoitering in the Somme district.

The steel ship Javary, owned by L. C. Gillette, of New York, was changed from British to American registry.

A box of explosives was found near the Standard Oil Co. Elizabeth, N. J. It had been stolen from a train and abandoned.

Miss Nell Kenny, an Australian swimmer, was arrested as she was about to jump off the Brooklyn Bridge for the movies.

Three officers of the Italian army arrived in New York, commissioned to look after the Italian cavalry and artillery.

Nine men were burned, three seriously by an electric flash, while working on the Fulton Street Elevated Railroad, Brooklyn.

Philander C. Knox, former Secretary of State, appeared in the Supreme Court at Washington, as an attorney for Harry K. Thaw.

Harry Kaufmann, proprietor of a silk dyeing establishment at Paterson, N. J., was arrested, charged with improper use of the mails.

Lieutenant-General Liman, commander of the Guards division of the German army, has been awarded the Order of Merit by the Kaiser.

Four members of the crew of the steamer Sun, in port at New York, were overcome in the hold by the fumes from the cargo of dyestuffs.

C. D. Egbert, an insurance collector of Point Pleasant, N. J., was attacked and robbed of \$300 and then thrown into Barengat Bay. He was rescued.

A mad dog created a panic in the West Side, Manhattan, biting two men and mauling a child, and was finally being shot down by a policeman.

Governor-elect Whitman of New York has been provided with a guard of two plainclothes men to protect him against possible attack by gunmen.

John B. Van Shalck, a New York stock broker, will sail for France to become an ambulance driver. His wife will accompany him as a Red Cross nurse.

Girl Accuses a Millionaire

COL. CHARLES ALEXANDER OF PROVIDENCE IN CUSTODY

WHITE SLAVE CHARGE

Retired Merchant Arrested by Federal Officers on Warrant Issued at Chicago—Is Married and Has Two Daughters.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 4.—Colonel Charles Alexander, 52, a millionaire retired merchant of this city, was arrested tonight by federal officers on a warrant from Chicago charging violation of the Mann white slave act. He is accused of having transported Miss Jessie E. Cope, of Los Angeles, Calif., from that city to Chicago in February, 1913.

When arraigned before the United States commissioner, Colonel Alexander, acting on the advice of his attorney, waived extradition and the reading of the complaint.

Bail, which was fixed at \$7,500, was furnished and the case was continued for a hearing in the federal court in Chicago on the first Tuesday in January.

The complaint gives February 25, 1913, as the date of the alleged violation of the Mann act.

Counsel Says Its Blackmail. Henry W. Hayes, counsel for Colonel Alexander, declined to allow his client to discuss the case, but said that at the trial it would be shown that an attempted case of blackmail which had failed had resulted in this action.

Colonel Alexander is widely known as a clubman. He is a member of the chamber of commerce and the Hope club of this city, Squantum club, New York, Athletic club, Boston, and the association and many other organizations. He is interested in the firm of Alexander Brothers, wholesale produce dealers here.

He has a residence in this city, a country home at Rumbold Point and a third residence at Williamstown, Mass. He has a wife and two daughters.

GIRL UNDER SURVEILLANCE OF FEDERAL OFFICERS.

It Is Said Jury Will Consider Charges of Extortion Made Against Her.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—Colonel Charles Alexander, a Providence millionaire, indicted here charged with violation of the Mann act has been arrested in Providence, according to an announcement here by Charles F. Cline, district attorney. The charge is charged with transporting Miss Jessie Cope of Los Angeles, Calif., from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Miss Cope is under the surveillance of federal officers in Chicago and it is reported that the grand jury will consider charges of extortion, said to have been made against her.

Colonel Alexander is a member of the firm of Alexander Brothers, of Providence and a director of the Canadian Steel company, according to a statement issued by District Attorney Cline.

"Colonel Alexander met Miss Jessie Cope at a special gathering at Los Angeles two years ago," the statement said. "He explained after their first meeting that he would procure a divorce and marry her. Then he proceeded to make violent love to Miss Cope."

"The evidence of the girl shows she relied on his promise to marry her. At his suggestion Miss Cope came to Chicago, February 18, 1913. Later they went to New Orleans and from there to Cuba. Colonel Alexander gave her many costly presents and much money."

An indictment against Colonel Alexander was said by Charles F. Cline, United States district attorney, to be in being. Cline said it would be returned Monday, and was stated that the grand jury would consider charges of extortion against Miss Cope.

Miss Cope decided about five months ago to proceed against Colonel Alexander, according to federal officials. She came to Chicago and told her story to Hilton G. Claiborne, superintendent of the local bureau of investigation of the department of justice. A grand jury investigation followed.

Speaker Clark in Ashington. Washington, Dec. 4.—Speaker Clark returned to his residence today after a lecture trip which has taken him through many states in the south, New England and the middle west, since the adjournment of congress last in October.

Philadelphia Commuter Complains. Philadelphia, Dec. 4.—Philadelphia commuters today applied to District Attorney Rotan to start criminal proceedings against the officials of the Pennsylvania, Reading and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads, as a result of the passenger fare rise announced to take effect December 15.

Another Belgian Relief Ship Sails. New York, Dec. 4.—Another mercy ship sailed from this port tonight for the relief of the starving non-combatants in Belgium. When the steamer Assammon with 3,500 tons of food supplies on board, valued at \$200,000, cleared for Rotterdam.

Ocean Freight Rate on Cotton Raised. New York, Dec. 4.—The ocean freight rate on cotton to Liverpool jumped to 75 cents per 100 pounds today. This is the highest rate quoted since the Civil war, and an advance of about 50 cents since the beginning of the war in Europe.

Negro Lynched in South Carolina. Florence, S. C., Dec. 4.—William Green, a negro, today was forcibly taken from Belgium by a mob near Edward, S. C., and lynched. Green was arrested after he had frightened some women who had been left alone in their home near Edward.

Austrian General Killed. Amsterdam, Holland, Dec. 4, via London, 8:15 p. m.—The Telegraph says that General Von Stutterheim, commander of an Austrian cavalry brigade, has been killed on an eastern battlefield.

OFFICERS OF COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN.

Mrs. Leo Hertz of New Haven Elected Treasurer.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Ernesine Dreyfus of Kansas City was elected executive secretary of the national council of Jewish Women today at the concluding session of the organization's convention. Mrs. Dreyfus succeeded Miss Sadie American, of New York, who yesterday quit the council, of which she was one of the founders.

Other officers elected are: President, Mrs. Nathaniel E. Harris, Hartford; first vice president, Mrs. Elie Hertzberg, San Antonio, Texas; second vice president, Miss Rose Brenner, Brooklyn; recording secretary, Mrs. Harry Glickman, Milwaukee; treasurer, Mrs. Leo Hertz, New Haven, Conn.

The convention made no announcement as to action taken in executive session yesterday on the proposed amendment to the council's constitution, which would have permitted Miss American to resign. The amendment, it was said, provided for the curtailment of the executive secretary's authority and placed that office under control of the president of the council.

18,000 LYNN SHOE WORKERS REMAIN OUT THREE HOURS.

In Protest Against a Plan to Take a Poll on Arbitration Proposition.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 4.—Four thousand of the eighteen thousand shoe workers in this city walked out of factories today and remained out for three hours, in a protest against the taking of a poll among the workers on an arbitration proposition offered by a committee of the Chamber of Commerce. The walkout, which affected only members of the United Shoe Workers of America, was accomplished without disorder and work was resumed later.

Leaders of the shoe workers' union said tonight that they did not feel that they should bind themselves to a proposition which, they thought, might give the manufacturers an unfair advantage.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE COST THE STATE \$17,583

For Cattle Slaughtered—Other Expenses Entailed Amount to Thousands.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 4.—The state's share in paying for the slaughter of cattle because of foot and mouth disease is \$17,583. This represents one-half. The other half will be paid by the United States government. The sum does not include any other expenses. It is probable the aggregate cost to Connecticut will be thousands of dollars more. The bill for veterinarians is already \$1,000. No new cases were reported today.

Farmhand Charged With Arson.

Ellington, Conn., Dec. 4.—Lawrence Welch, a farmhand, 21 year old, was arrested by the state police today charged with arson. After a hearing before a justice of the peace he was held under \$2,000 bonds for a trial in the superior court. Welch is charged with having set fire to a barn here on Wednesday night and is said by the state police to have confessed to no doing. Several fires have occurred here recently and the authorities are investigating them in connection with Welch's arrest.

Plan to Increase Italy's Revenue.

Rome, Dec. 4, 9:40 p. m.—The government has presented to parliament financial measures which would increase the revenue 50,000,000 francs (\$10,000,000) yearly.